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March 22, 2000  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: *BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Tariff Filing to Reduce Grouping  
Rates in Rate Group 5 and to Implement a 3% Late Charge*  
Docket No. 00-00041

Dear Mr. Waddell:

During the pre-hearing conference in this docket, the Pre-hearing Officer requested BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and the Consumer Advocate Division ("CAD") to submit wording for the two issues that were adopted in this proceeding. Pursuant to this request, BellSouth and the CAD respectfully submit the following issues:

1. Does the late payment charge proposed in BellSouth's Tariff 00-00041 constitute an impermissible rate increase for basic local exchange service under Tenn. Code Ann. §65-5-209?
2. When BellSouth bills for services on behalf of other telecommunications companies, does it have a right independent of its agreement with the telecommunications companies for which it bills, to charge its proposed late payment charge to the consumer, in the event a consumer pays the bill late?

Prior to submitting this letter, BellSouth provided a copy of this letter to the CAD for its review. The CAD has confirmed that the issues set forth above accurately reflect the language to which the CAD and BellSouth agreed.

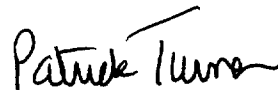
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If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Patrick W. Turner

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cc: Gary Hotvedt

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